

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW JERSEY,

Against the repeal of the pilot law of March 2, 1837.

FEBRUARY 28, 1848.

Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS relative to the pilot laws of the United States.

1. *Be it resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey,* That the passage of the act of March second, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, by Congress, by which the business of pilotage in the bays and harbors adjoining this State and the State of New York was thrown open to citizens of this State appointed as pilots under our laws, was an act of justice to the State of New Jersey, and loudly called for by the appalling disasters upon our coasts, which, before that time, continued to occur in quick succession.

2. *And be it resolved,* That the results of the experience of the last ten years, the greatly diminished number of wrecks of vessels approaching our shores, the superior vigilance and care of the New Jersey pilots, the danger of a renewal of the melancholy scenes and loss of life which attended the wrecks of the Mexico and Bristol, the impolicy and injustice of again erecting a monopoly, encouraging criminal remissness on the part of the pilots, all combine to furnish an unanswerable argument against the repeal of the present law.

3. *And be it resolved,* That the recent establishment of a line of ocean steamships from Great Britain, whose terminus is at the port of Jersey City, furnishes an additional argument against the repeal of that act.

4. *And be it resolved,* That the governor of this State be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing resolutions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved February 11, 1848.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

I, Charles G. McChesney, secretary of state of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of joint resolutions passed by the legislature of this State, and approved February 11, 1848, as taken from and compared with the original, now on file in my office.

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my official seal, at Trenton, in said State, this nineteenth day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

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CHARLES G. McCHESNEY,
Secretary of State.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Trenton, N. J., February 19, 1848.

SIR : I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of joint resolutions passed by the legislature of this State, agreeably to the requirements of said resolutions.

Most respectfully, your obedient servant,

DANIEL HAINES,
Governor of New Jersey.

HON. JACOB W. MILLER.